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U.F.A. MEMBERSHIP IN ALL BRANCHES INCREASING

Social Credit Bill Passes, but Insurgents Say Valueless

ENROLLMENT FOR FIRST QUARTER SHOWS INCREASE

Central Office Figures Show Advance as Compared with Period in 1936

NOTABLE FEATURE

Many Who Did Not Align Themselves With U.F.A. Last Year Now Joining

Increased membership in all three branches of the United Farmers of Alberta (U.F.A., U.F.W.A. and Junior Branch) during the first three months of 1937 as compared with the corresponding period last year, is shown by figures at the Central Office of the Association.

In view of the fact that unusually severe weather prevailed during a great part of the period, roads being blocked for weeks at a time and great difficulty being experienced in holding Local meetings, the figures are most encouraging.

It is especially noteworthy that a great many members who did not align themselves with the organization in 1936 are coming back into the U.F.A. this year, and a number of Locals have been reorganized.

With normal crop conditions the U.F.A. should be able to look forward to a very successful year.

Ontario Cabinet Split on Issue at Oshawa

TORONTO, April 14th.—Premier Hepburn has today asked for the resignations of two of his colleagues, Hon. David Croll, Minister of Labor, and Hon. Arthur Roebuck, Attorney-General, because of sharply differing attitudes towards the Oshawa strike.

ROGERS HESITATES

OTTAWA, April 14th.—Hon. Norman Rogers has not as yet taken any action in response to the mayor of Oshawa's request for his intervention in the labor trouble there, apparently fearful of causing a breach between the Liberal Governments here and in Toronto.

Protest Delay in Making Seed Grain Available

Strong protest against the delay in making seed grain available for the farmers of the Wayne district, almost all of whom are unable to meet their own requirements this year owing to crop failures, was made by Wayne U.F.A. Local at its meeting last week. The resolution was forwarded to the Provincial Minister of Agriculture, Hon. W. N. Chant.

Donald Cameron, M. Sc., to Direct First Experiment of Its Kind in Canada

Marking a forward step in the field of adult education and adapting to our Western Canadian conditions the methods of the Scandinavian folk high schools, the first experiment of its kind ever to be made in Canada will be launched at the Olds School of Agriculture in June, when a "School of Community Life" will be conducted under the joint direction of the Department of Extension of the University of Alberta, the Department of Education and the Department of Agriculture.

The school will be held from June 24th to July 10th, inclusive, and, it is gratifying to learn, will be under the direction of Donald Cameron, M.Sc., Director of the Department of Extension of the University. Brought up on an Alberta farm, possessed of practical experience in farming as well as expert knowledge of the science of agriculture and a thorough and sympathetic understanding of the problems of our rural communities, Mr. Cameron has also made a study in Scandinavia of the folk high school system. There can be no doubt that the school under his supervision will be well adapted to meet the needs of Alberta farm communities in particular and if full advantage is taken of the facilities provided, there should be no doubt of the success of the undertaking.

Members of the committee in charge of the plans for the inauguration of

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Readers' Forum on C.C.F. Program

Changes Are Suggested by Five Mile U.F.A. Local, Claresholm

Commencing in our next issue, we plan to publish letters received from our readers, discussing the Draft C.C.F. Provincial Program which was published in *The Western Farm Leader* of February 19th. A number of contributions are already in hand.

We hope the discussion will prove of value to the farm movement and to other progressive forces in Alberta. It will do so if our readers will express themselves freely after thoughtful consideration of the various clauses. We ask our contributors to be brief.

Five Mile U.F.A. Local at Claresholm recently appointed a small committee to draft changes which they believed to be desirable, and a copy of the program as redrafted in certain particulars now has been placed at the disposal of *The Western Farm Leader*. In view of the fact that the changes suggested were the result of careful examination of the program and that there may be others who

Seeks Federal Mediation



When Premier Hepburn of Ontario declared his intention to use the mounted police to break the automobile workers' strike at Oshawa, Mayor Alex. Hall (above), bluntly replied that the force would not be brought in "until I and Chief of Police Owen want them." Disregarding Mr. Hepburn, Mayor Hall has announced that with or without the consent of the corporation, he has asked the assistance of the Federal Minister of Labor in mediation of the dispute.

BILL "DISTORTED AND EMASCULATED" INSURGENTS' VIEW

Legislature Adjourns Until June 7th—Debt Slashing Bill Laid Over Meanwhile

EXTEND MORATORIUM

"Comical If It Were Not So Tragic for People," Say Insurgents of S. C. Bill

By C. H. STOUT
Special to *The Western Farm Leader*

EDMONTON, April 14th.—Shortly after 10 o'clock this morning the Legislature adjourned to a date not later than June 7th next, on motion of Premier Aberhart.

Lieutenant-Governor J. C. Bowen gave assent to seventy bills—last in a batch of nearly 100 presented to the session—with Bills 35, 36 and 41 among those left on the order paper for the June sitting. These were respectively The Trades Licensing, Provincial Price Fixing, and Import and Export Marketing Bills. Also left over were amendments to the Tax Recovery, Dairymen's, and Debt Adjustment Acts, and the Debts Slashing Bill of Hon. Lucien Maynard. Bitter Pummelling

At the midnight hour, Tuesday, Alberta's first Social Credit Commission Bill passed through committee of the Legislature, the measure being considered less than four hours and emerging for third and final reading intact but badly bruised from the bitterest pummelling ever received by a bill in the House.

Insurgent leaders assailed the proposal to operate the act under a board of five members of the House already named by the Government, claiming it was "emasculated and distorted" from the bill private members had drafted after weeks of work and expense and submitted to the Government.

They maintained it would be valueless without a companion taxation bill, promised by the Premier but not brought down. Debate grew in intensity and heat as the night wore on, but Premier Aberhart insisted that the measure be finally approved before the House rose, adjournment being in prospect Wednesday with a morning session under way.

"Insurgents' Heated Comment

Liberal Leader J. J. Bowlen, Calgary, termed the Social Credit Bill a "mere joke"; D. M. Duggan, Edmonton, Conservative Leader, called it "another nail in the Government coffin"; while insurgent members in Government ranks said it would be "comical if it were not so tragic for the people of the Province."

Hon. Solon Low remonstrated at the attack, and claimed he was not the father of the bill, and would be willing to make such alterations as

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Fascists Destroy Co-ops

The Fascist rebels in Spain are destroying co-operatives in the territory they occupy, and shooting their officials, according to word received by the New York office of the Co-operative League. On the other hand the Spanish Government is doing much to encourage the co-ops, and the national food supply committee is operated along lines suggested by the national co-operative organization. Principles of co-operation are taught in the schools of the country, where the People's Front Government is in control.

Increased prices for lead and zinc will give from \$4,000,000 to \$4,500,000 more profits to Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company during the first three months of this year than they made in the same period in 1936.

Dividends paid out by Canadian corporations this month will total over \$2,000,000 more than for April last year, it is estimated, or an increase of 13.54 per cent.

At the time of writing, it is still very uncertain what action the Provincial Government will take as the next step in its program to reduce private debts. The best guess seems to be that the moratorium will be extended for two months until the Legislature again assembles in June. In the meantime the Government has announced that it is entering an appeal from the decision of Mr. Justice Ewing, declaring invalid the recent Provincial Reduction and Settlement of Debts Act and again we know that two bills have been introduced and are now before the Legislature, namely, a new Debt Reduction Act and a revision of the Debt Adjustment Act. It is quite possible that neither of these bills will be proceeded with in the hope that by June the whole debt situation may be clarified.

In the meantime the two bills now before the House make interesting reading and, if action is adjourned until June, much will no doubt depend on the public reaction to them.

(Later: Action has been adjourned till June.—Editor.)

As expected, the new Debt Reduction Act makes a cut-off in debts as of the first day of July, 1932, and any debts created before that time are classified as old debts, and the bill mainly deals with these. With respect to these old debts the amount is computed as of that date for principal and interest and the total debt so ascertained is reduced by 50 per cent. This reduced amount is then payable in ten equal annual instalments with interest charged at the contract rate. For example if the principal amount of a mortgage bearing interest at 8 per cent was \$3,000 and there was a year's interest overdue on July 1st, 1932, then the amount of the old debt would be \$3,240. This reduced by 50 per cent would leave the debt at \$1,620 and this reduced amount would be payable under the Bill in ten equal annual instalments with interest at the contract rate of 8 per cent, the first instalment to be due on November 15th, 1937.

Board to Make Ruling

No action can be taken by a creditor with respect to such an old debt until one instalment is overdue. If an instalment is not paid when due the creditor can make an application to the Debt Adjustment Board for permission to commence proceedings. If that Board concludes that the fail-

ure to pay was due to causes beyond the control of the debtor it can extend the time of payment of the instalment. Otherwise the Board can consent to proceedings being taken to enforce the security.

It will be seen that the general structure of the Act is similar to last year's Reduction and Settlement of Debts Act, the main difference being that this year there is an attempt to cut principal whereas last year the Bill aimed at reduction in interest. A provision is found in this Act which was not in the former Act, namely, that the debtor may tender to the creditor the amount of the debt as reduced and the creditor must give the necessary discharge of the debt or any security held therefor, and if he refuses so to do the Court may on application make an order discharging the obligation and compelling the creditor to carry out the settlement.

Exceptions

Like the former Act, this Act does not apply to debts owing to the Crown, to the Canadian Farm Loan Board or the Soldier Settlement Board, to taxes or other debts due to municipal organizations or to any debt under the Rural Co-operative Credit Act. There is also a provision in this Act that the Debt Adjustment Board, on the application of a creditor, in any case if it concludes that the Act will cause undue hardship on a deserving creditor or that chattel mortgage security has been abandoned or is depreciating, may direct the debtor to pay the whole of the debt or such portion as it thinks advisable.

In the expectation that creditors may feel that this Act is more drastic than the old, a separate part of this year's Act permits a creditor to settle on the basis of last year's Act as a voluntary settlement and if he chooses to do so a settlement on that basis becomes binding upon the debtor.

Applies to All Debtors

The main feature of the new Debt Reduction Act is that it applies to all debtors and not to farmers only as has been the case heretofore. No action can be taken against any person in the Province to collect debt incurred prior to the 1st of July, 1936, without consent of the Debt Adjustment Board. This of course very greatly increases the scope of the Act and incidentally will very greatly increase the work of the Debt Adjustment Board.

In this Act as drafted the right of appeal to the Court from a decision of the Debt Adjustment Board is restored. It is understood, however, that there is great objection to this clause among the members of the Legislature.

Test Cases Probable

As to whether these acts will finally pass, it is of course impossible to say. One thing only is sure and that is that if the new Debt Reduction Act is finally passed the larger creditors will undoubtedly refuse to accept its provisions until tested out in the Court so that another year of uncertainty is before us with respect to this very vital problem of debt reduction.

Answers in Next Issue

Replies to questions asked by subscribers will be published in our next issue. Any paid-up subscriber of *The Western Farm Leader* may submit a question upon a legal problem with which he is confronted, for answer on this page. The subscription is one dollar per year. Inquiries should be addressed: "Legal, *The Western Farm Leader*, Renfrew Building, Calgary."

MEMBERSHIP CUT IN LEGISLATURE TO BE CONSIDERED

Anderson Plan Would Make Constituencies Larger, With Bigger Indemnities

EDMONTON, April 13th. — Immediate consideration to the question of redistribution of electoral constituencies, with reduction in membership and in the number of Cabinet portfolios was agreed to by the Legislature last week on motion of Fred Anderson (S.C.), Calgary. The resolution was carried by a large majority, only about half a dozen members being opposed. Action is suggested next year.

Fewer members, increased indemnity for those who remain to represent the larger constituencies, and a smaller Cabinet using experts for administrative work, were advocated by Mr. Anderson, who estimated that a saving of \$40,000 a year might be made in this way.

The proposal was supported by D. M. Duggan, Conservative leader, who recalled the fact that he had in the past proposed a reduction of the number of members to 34 and of the Cabinet to five or six. It might be unwise to refer the matter to the Government, "for they might never return," said Mr. Duggan. He favored an advisory board consisting of members of all parties to assist the Government.

Doubts Agreement Possible

While fully in accord with the proposal, J. J. Bowlen, Liberal leader, doubted whether a House committee could ever be got to agree on its working out. Better roads and motor cars made it possible for members to cover their constituencies more easily than in earlier years.

Declaring that the resolution was in accord with his own election promises, Hon. J. W. Hugill, Attorney-General, thought two Provincial members for each Federal constituency should be enough.

Only 46 Cents per Year

The resolution was opposed by A. V. Bourcier (S.C.), Lac Ste Anne, who pointed out that the per capita cost of legislation is now only 46 cents per year. It might be all right for members from "postage stamp" constituencies to urge reductions, members with "empire constituencies" like his could not cover these constituencies adequately now. He believed the "natural course of events" would bring reduction in the number of members of the Cabinet.

N. B. James (S.C.), Acadia, advised the elimination of four members each from Calgary and Edmonton, as the first thing to be done. Then if other reductions seemed necessary "we can study the question," he said.

Such resolutions as this, said Mrs. Edith Gostick (S.C.), Calgary, were (Continued on page 7)

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BOARD OF FIVE TO NAME COMMISSION GOVERNMENT PLAN

Board Can Travel Anywhere in World—Commission to Hold Office Ten Years

Special to The Western Farm Leader

EDMONTON, April 13th — Alberta's first real Social Credit Bill, product of weeks of intense application on the part of so-called "insurgents" in Government ranks, was introduced to the Legislature Thursday afternoon by Hon. Solon Low, Provincial Treasurer, the measure providing for the establishment of a commission to be selected by a board of five members named in the bill, to administer the act.

This board, to consist of Messrs. MacLachlan, Berg, Hayes, Dr. McPherson and Baker, with the first mentioned acting as chairman, has wide powers to travel anywhere and make exhaustive inquiry upon which to base their recommendations, as well as name the permanent commission to consist of from three to five members, who will hold office ten years and be free from political interference.

Anywhere in World

In the House, Mr. Low was questioned closely regarding the proposed set-up, C. G. O'Connor, Liberal, Edmonton, raising a laugh when he asked the Minister:

"This board has authority to travel anywhere in the world; would you go so far as to say it can go elsewhere?"

On Wednesday the Government introduced a printed bill appointing the board with the powers mentioned, but this was withdrawn Thursday and the House told the new bill "consolidated" all Social Credit legislation.

Incorporated in the measure of six parts, and hundreds of clauses, sections and sub-sections, was a provision for payment of a "consumers monthly dividend" to persons entitled to the same under the act, the amount to be not less than five percent of the credit standing to the credit of the consumer in a state credit house.

Payments would be met by the issuance of credit certificates and the dividends would not be considered as part of a consumer's taxable income.

In the case of minors, special dividend vouchers would be issued and placed in trust until the child reached 18 years, either under parental or commission trusteeship.

"Provincial Credit" Defined

The term "Provincial Credit" would mean the unused capacity of industries and people of Alberta to produce goods and services. Credit certificates would be non-interest bearing treasury credit certificates issued against Provincial Credit account, to circulate throughout credit house branches only in settlement of inter-branch balances in clearing house associations.

By "Compensated Price" was meant the retail price of goods and services after the application of the retail discount, a fractional figure to be published by the commission to be applied as a discount on the price of goods and services offered by retailers. Credit would be allowed any British subject resident in the Province since January 1st, 1935.

Power would be given the commission to accept transfers of Alberta credit in satisfaction or partial satisfaction of any claim which the Province had against any person for taxes or any other account, the same powers being extended to all municipal units.

Under the measure wide powers would be given the Social Credit commission to make voluntary contracts with and for retailers, whole-

Represents Women Workers



President Roosevelt's policies have encouraged both farmers and wage-earners to organize for their own defense against exploitation. The campaign of the U.S. automobile workers has now spread to their branches in Canada where a strike is in progress at Oshawa for union recognition. Miss Gertrude Gillard, woman representative of the union at the General Motors Plant, Oshawa, is shown above.

Prosperity Certificates Are Abandoned

Abandonment of the Prosperity Certificates plan by the Alberta Social Credit Government was announced in the Legislature last week by Hon. Solon Low, Provincial Treasurer. Only about \$12,000 worth of scrip is outstanding and this will be redeemed, it is believed, probably in about two weeks. The scheme was launched with a view in part to financing road work in rural constituencies. Of \$500,000 in certificates printed in Calgary only \$262,000 was issued. Failure was anticipated after the first sixty days. The impression had been created that Cabinet Ministers would take part of their salaries in scrip, as a means of encouraging others, but they failed to do so.

salers and primary producers for sharing of "benefits", with authority to suspend or abrogate any such contracts.

State Credit Houses

Part 2 of the measure provides for setting up of state credit houses and branches and inaugurating a distribution of credit system, the credit houses to accept deposits of currency and securities and deal with such in any manner agreed upon between the credit house and depositor.

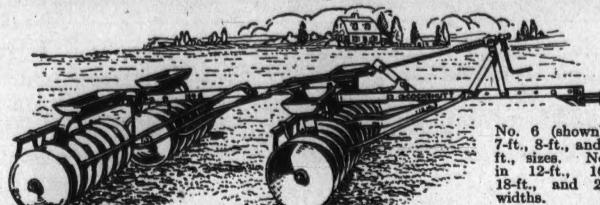
Establishment of treasury credits to the account of customers against which cheques would be drawn, receiving of deposits of credit vouchers with personal records for each customer, and acceptances of currency and other negotiable instruments for conversion into Alberta credit, are among the powers of the commission. Salaries of the commissioners and all expenses would be paid by the issuance of credit certificates. All political or other interference with the commission would be illegal under the act.

Part 4 of the bill defines credit house certificates and provides for their issuance and use; part 5 for credit certificate funds and establishment of a certificate retirement fund of not more than one-fourth the Provincial revenues in each fiscal year to balance the budget for the ensuing year, and for the retirement of credit certificates.

General operations are provided for in part 6, which would enable any member of the Legislative Assembly to accept credit certificates without disqualification. Penalties up to \$1,000 for infractions of the act are provided for.

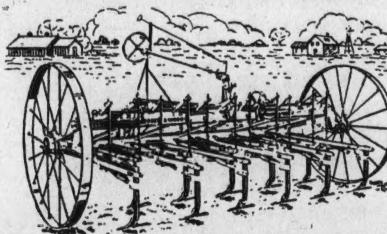


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EDMONTON—Rate of assessment on mileage of Alberta lines, which it had been originally proposed to set at one and three-quarters per cent by legislation this year, was lowered to one and one-half per cent under the terms of an amendment made in committee of the Legislature on motion of Hon. E. C. Manning.

The additional mileage, it was explained, had been added to expected revenue possibilities since the estimates were prepared, the increase being more than \$17,800 for this year. Mr. Manning stated that next year another \$11,000 would be due due under increases on the northern railways, so the decrease in rate was possible with total income only slightly lower than budget requirements.

Mr. Manning said representations had been made to the Government respecting railway taxation and in view of the situation of railway lines in the Province he believed a revision would have to be considered before another year.

The House refused to pass amendments to the police act proposed by Attorney-General Hugill which would have permitted municipal constables and officers to carry on investigations under the liquor control act and be exempt from any prosecution, the measure in reality providing protection for "stool pigeons" as some of the members termed it. Mr. Hugill contended that the bill only extended powers now given R.C.M.P. but the House refused to allow the bill to go into committee.

The European bread-grain crop last year was the smallest since 1931, says Foreign Crops and Markets; stocks at the end of July, 1937, will be the lowest in many years, and many countries show a tendency to build up reserve stocks.

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U.F.A. GAINS MEMBERSHIP

We are gratified to be able to announce in this issue an increase in membership of all branches of the United Farmers of Alberta during the first quarter of 1937.

The *Western Farm Leader* was launched for the purpose of supporting the farm movement in all its branches, with particular reference to the U.F.A., and to assist in building up in rural communities throughout the Province the harmony which has been broken during recent years.

We rejoice in the signs that are now apparent in many places that bitterness is passing and that recovery in membership of the Association, which could not in any event have been indefinitely delayed, is beginning.

The U.F.A. is indispensable to the farm people of the Province. To adapt a famous saying: "If it did not exist it would be necessary to create it."

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NOT ONE APPROVED

Action taken by the Ottawa Government in reducing the Wheat Board to a condition of futility has been condemned in 600 letters received by the Government at Ottawa, and there has been not one letter of approval.

This significant information is given to W. J. Harper of Claresholm, in a letter which he has received from E. G. Hansell, Social Credit M.P. for Macleod. We believe the letter is of sufficient interest and importance to warrant its publication in full. It reads:

"About a month ago, I placed upon the Order Paper, a motion for the production of all communications approving or disapproving of the Government's action with the Wheat Board last fall. The motion passed and a few days ago I received the papers. It will be interesting for you to know that nearly 600 letters, resolutions, etc., were received by the Department disapproving of their action, but not one approving of their action.

"You will recall last fall that a meeting was held in Claresholm, of which you were chairman. I thought the above would, therefore, be of interest to you, as well as to those who may have attended the meeting."

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WESTERN FARMER BETRAYED

There has been in Canada's recent history no greater betrayal of the interests of the farmers of the West, and therefore of Western Canada as a whole, than the emasculation of the Wheat Board by the Dominion Government.

The extent of that betrayal is not

even yet fully realized, though the failure to maintain an effective Wheat Board has undoubtedly caused losses running into the millions to growers.

The *Hanna Herald* puts the situation very clearly in a recent editorial from which we quote in part as follows:

As the months pass by it becomes more and more apparent that the Dominion Government missed a rare opportunity in its handling of Canada's accumulations of wheat carried over from the depression years. Right now we are in the midst of a bull market with scarcely any wheat to sell. A third of a billion bushels in the possession of the Wheat Board a year and a half ago has been sold out at bargain prices. The Government missed a chance that will probably never come again in our history. It might have gained a clear profit of at least \$50 million by the exercise of a little more courage and also added appreciably more to the income of the Western farmer had it permitted the Board to operate this year....

Lavish selling after June was due to either one of two reasons: either the Government was determined that there should not be any profit, thus affording no measure of credit for the policies of its predecessor in office, or else its policy simply lacked in courage. In any event its actions have turned out to be an extremely poor piece of business and it has already caused a bitter ranking in the rural regions of Western Canada which will not be lightly forgotten.

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DEBT REDUCTION LEGISLATION IMPERILLED

While their attention is concentrated upon events in the Provincial field, Alberta farmers may be caught unawares by powerful financial groups in Eastern Canada which are intent upon destroying or emasculating the one piece of legislation whose constitutionality has been definitely established, which provides for the relief of farmers overburdened with debt—the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act passed by the Dominion Parliament during the Bennett regime.

The attacks upon this legislation are vigorous and determined. The forces attacking are powerful and have influential friends in Parliament.

Unless the farm people themselves now take a determined stand, make their stand known publicly, advise their representatives and the Government at Ottawa, they may wake up at a later date to find that this one presently available means of getting their debts reduced to bearable proportions, has been removed, or that it has met some such fate as the Wheat Board.

"Continued and even increasing attacks are being made upon the Act," reports the Canadian Chamber of Agriculture, in a recent bulletin issued from its office in Peterborough, Ontario, to member organizations.

"Interests opposed to this legislation hoped that it would be declared *ultra vires* by the judicial committee of the Privy Council. Disappointed by the decision of

SERVICES TO CAUSE OF LIBERTY

(Toronto Saturday Night)

We have repeatedly had occasion to refer to the extremely valuable services to the cause of liberty which have from time to time been performed by Mr. Woodsworth in the House of Commons, and which he is able to perform largely on account of the fact that he does not have to pay much attention to the voting power of anti-libertarian elements in any part of the Dominion. In his discussion last week of the undertaking of the Quebec Legislature to make Communism a crime without bothering to define what Communism is, he was able to bring to the attention of liberty-loving Canadians all over the Dominion some most extraordinary statements by the Premier of Quebec who is responsible for this alarming piece of legislation. Mr. Duplessis, while declining to define Communism, undertook to give a few examples of Communists. He stated in the Legislative Assembly that Mr. Joseph Schubert, an alderman of the City of Montreal and an officer of the Bureau which is enforcing the Arcand Law in the garment industry, is a Communist. If Mr. Duplessis' view is correct—and since he is his own Attorney-General there is nobody to question it under this new legislation—any place in which Mr. Schubert utters any of his sentiments which have caused Mr. Duplessis to characterize him as a Communist must be a disorderly house, and should be padlocked in accordance with the new law. Mr. Woodsworth suggested that Mr. Duplessis might begin by sending some of his minions, armed with a telegram, to padlock the Montreal City Hall.

the Privy Council, attacks upon the legislation have been renewed during recent months from a number of directions."

The Chamber of Agriculture quotes Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King as having stated in Parliament in 1934, when Mr. Bennett introduced the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement bill: "I believe the purpose behind the legislation will meet with general approval.... Any legislation coming within the competence of Parliament which seeks to preserve the rights of all parties and aims, by reasonable methods of compromise, to meet a situation which has become, in some respects, intolerable, will, I believe, speaking generally, commend itself to Parliament."

Mr. King is now Prime Minister. The legislation to which he referred has been declared, by the Privy Council, to be within the competence of Parliament."

We believe that the time has come when Western farmers must remind Mr. King of his declaration of 1934, and demand that not only shall there be no weakening or emasculation of the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act, but that on the other hand, the operation of the act shall be made more efficient. To this end Boards of Review should be increased in numerical strength in order that delays in hearing of cases may be eliminated, for there are large numbers of farmers in this Province who will be unable to free themselves of an intolerable burden of debt even should they be favored with a succession of good crops.

The United Farmers of Alberta have expressed their views upon this matter, as have farmers' organizations in other Western Provinces. They should have the support of the whole farm community of the West.

It should be made impossible for the Government, when Parliament reconvenes after the recess, to be in any doubt as to where the farm people of all parts of Western Canada stand upon this question.

The act must not be mutilated. The machinery for its administration must be strengthened.

FINANCIAL STATE OF ALBERTA TO BE TOLD COMMISSION

**Low Informs Duggan Province to
Make Representations to Pro-
posed Royal Commission**

LAND ACT AMENDMENTS

**New Truck and Highway Regula-
tions Not to Be Enforced for
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By C. H. STOUT
Special to *The Western Farm Leader*

EDMONTON, April 14th. — Adequate representation of the Province's serious financial condition before the proposed Dominion Royal Commission on western finances and taxation is being considered, Hon. Solon Low told the Legislature this week after D. M. Duggan, Edmonton, had strongly urged that the Government select a House committee and name outside representatives to prepare a case for Alberta.

Mr. Duggan recommended co-operation with the two other Prairie Provinces in submission of facts to the inquiry, and Mr. Low said the plan had been considered by the Cabinet and steps were being planned along the lines suggested.

Annoyed by Threat

Hon. Lucien Maynard advised Attorney-General John Hugill to withdraw a proposal to restore rights of court appeal in the Debt Adjustment Act. The Attorney-General was obviously annoyed at the thinly veiled threat of his colleague from the Department of Municipal Affairs who already is being mentioned for the Attorney-General's portfolio if Mr. Hugill should resign. The Attorney-General introduced a bill authorizing the Cabinet to impose a moratorium at any time by order-in-council, the provisions of the Debt Adjustment Act in this respect being repealed.

Lengthy amendments to the Lands Act were reported from committee Monday, these creating new regulations regarding homesteads and timber limits for lumbering purposes. J. J. Bowlen, Calgary, objected to interests in the south being given timber permits at a low rate, presumably to cut fire-swept areas when they were reported to have cut green timber. Mr. Tanner said this had occurred when green areas remained in burned over regions. It was admitted that the stumpage fee was only \$1.50 in the case of burned timber and \$3 for green trees. Mr. Bowlen said forests should be preserved in the foothills as much as possible to conserve water.

A lively skirmish took place between I. M. McCune, (S.C.), Gleichen, H. O. Haslam (S.C.), Claresholm-Nanton, J. J. Bowlen (Lib.), Calgary, and others, and the Minister of Public Works, Hon. W. A. Fallow, over enforcement of the new truck and highway traffic regulations. Government members claiming that the Minister told the party caucus on three occasions that the regulations would be hoisted for one year.

Mr. Fallow protested that the highway board had given notice of the new regulations, but the orders were not being enforced. If the bill passed in 1936 was not to be adopted then time would have to be allowed for drafting new regulations.

For the time being, he assured the House, trucks could go where they liked and charge what they liked. He promised to make a statement to the press to this effect. Members declared truck drivers were not aware that they were not to be regulated and licensed under latest orders of the highway traffic board.

Amendments to the Dairymen's Act were given second reading Monday, as were changes in the Stock Inspection Act providing for more control of livestock shipped to outside points, and a closer check on brands.

Would Exclude Garnet from All Northern Grades

As a step towards securing uniformity of grades of Canadian wheat for export markets, Dr. McCallum of the University of Alberta recommended to the Turgeon commission the exclusion of Garnet wheat from all Northern grades.

FIRST ADULT SCHOOL

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the school are President Kerr of the University, H. A. Craig, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, G. E. McNally, Deputy Minister of Education, Dr. W. G. Carpenter, Principal of the Provincial School of Technology, and Mr. Cameron. Staff appointments are not yet complete, but negotiations are under way with a view to securing some of Canada's best known lecturers. The Olds School of Community Life is a small experiment in adult education which it is hoped will grow and develop into a winter course of four or five months' duration during the next few years. In the meantime the teaching and dormitory equipment of the Provincial School of Agriculture at Olds can be conveniently used during the summer months, thus saving the expense of having to secure special quarters.

Object of School

The object of Alberta's School of Community Life will be the provision of a cultural course which will stimulate mental growth and development and which can serve as a background when dealing in a practical way with the real problems of adult life in the community. In other words, its main objective, in the broad sense of the term, will be Education for Life, training for leadership and good citizenship.

The constituency to be served by the school will be all of those men and women in the Province of Alberta over the age of 21 years, regardless of race or creed, who wish to attend, but it is understood that its main appeal will be to those from rural areas ranging in age from 21 to 35 years.

It is suggested that this experiment will provide an excellent opportunity to make greater use of teaching equipment already in existence. The Provincial Schools of Agriculture, being residential schools with high class dormitory as well as laboratory equipment, are ideally suited to a scheme of this kind.

The School at Olds, both by reason of the type of settlement around it and from its geographic location with respect to other parts of the Province, lends itself admirably to being the initial school of the experiment.

As the school is vacant from March 31st to October 31st, with the exception of brief intervals in the months of June and July for summer short courses, the proposed plan will in no way interfere with existing obligations of the school.

Duration of Courses

The duration of the course for the initial experiment is 17 days. In offering a 17-day course it is realized that this will not completely meet the needs of rural people. This could only be done adequately by a course of four or five months' duration in the winter months. However, the summer short course will be valuable in determining the manner in which a winter school should be organized.

The Teaching Staff and Methods of Teaching

The measure of success attained by the School of Community Life will depend mainly on its teaching staff and the method of teaching. In selecting a staff, main emphases will be laid on getting teachers whose training and experience gives them a thorough knowledge of the problems of community life both in their social and economic aspects. They must all be people of outstanding personality capable of dealing with their lecture material in an inspirational manner; in other words, they must be able to organize their material, condense it, and present it in such a manner that

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Courses will be developed with the idea of sketching a picture of the whole field and that field's relationship to other fields of knowledge, rather than attempting to present a detailed picture of a fragment of the field. If the student's interest is aroused in this way he will of his own free will seek further knowledge in his reading. To stimulate the desire for knowledge and to emphasize the need of critical judgment, should be the main objectives of the teaching. In this way the student's education will tend to become a progressive thing bearing fruit with each added year's wisdom and experience.

Current History

Discussion of current world problems and their implications will form an important feature of the course. The student will be encouraged to study current reviews of world affairs and international politics; modern movements, the rise of economic nationalism and the conflict between democracy and absolutism. This will probably involve a study of the rise of Fascism, Nazism, etc.

Rural Sociology

The course will deal with methods of organizing community activities. Special consideration will be given to the more significant trends in rural society which have an important bearing upon community organization and development. Among these are population changes, increasing interdependence of town and country, and readjustment in some of the important social institutions.

Social Science

A discussion of present-day social conditions and the relationship of institutions of society to man's existence and well-being as a member of the community, will be a feature of the course.

Course in Citizenship

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Cottonseed Oil Now Largely Used

American cottonseed oil was used in the manufacture of various vegetable shortening compounds in a total volume of 985,798,000 pounds in the year 1935, and a further 99,505,000 pounds went into the making of oleomargarine.

Giving chase to a car which was driven in a suspicious manner, Calgary policemen fired on it while in the outskirts of the city. The car proved to have been stolen, but the three men seen in it were not caught.

discussion of systems of government will be given. Some discussion will be provided on social legislation as it exists in this and other countries. The student will also be made familiar with government's means of raising revenue and the cost of public services.

A course in selected works of prose and poetry, contemporary reading, magazines and books; a course in dramatics and public speaking which would train leaders of groups in how to carry on with the material available in their own communities will be other features. To this may be added courses in voice and speech with some time devoted to training in public speaking.

Progressive Modern Home-making

A course in progressive modern home-making will deal with (a) First aid and home nursing; (b) Home planning and beautification; how to select and plan beautiful homes, interior decoration and beautification of the grounds, culture and care of flowers, etc.

Co-operation in Community Planning

A review of the basic principles of co-operation and their application in a program of mutual self-help will be given. There will be a discussion of Credit Unions; the whole course to emphasize the need of a non-political approach.

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Bankers Failed to Appreciate Extent Depression Effects

Brownlee and Reid Deal With
Statements in Bank of
Canada's Report

Replying to the charge of extravagance of former Alberta Governments, made in the Bank of Canada's report on Provincial finances, Hon. J. E. Brownlee, who headed the U.F.A. administration from 1925 to 1934, said in a press interview that sufficient time had not been allowed for the investigators to get a complete background of knowledge of Provincial affairs and conditions.

Bankers Underestimated Depression

While it was easy now to speak of over-expenditures in 1930 and 1931, in those years the Provincial Government had not found bankers or financial men with any "appreciation of the extent of the depression then upon us." Still another factor was the human factor, and the inadvisability of reducing living standards.

No estimate of debt could be considered complete, said Mr. Brownlee, without taking into account municipal debt; this was important in the present case, because Alberta had assumed financial responsibilities that in other Provinces were assumed by municipalities.

Even in the building of railways and irrigation systems (under the Liberal Government) the need of caring for a growing and scattered population had been considered.

Children of a small village in the Guadalajara section of war-torn Spain are seen fleeing for safety as the village is attacked by bombing aeroplanes. The war which Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany fostered, and in which they are taking an active part, has been responsible for the loss of many civilian lives. Some high legal authorities in London have declared that Germany and Italy are now legally at war with Spain, in defiance of the League which the great powers have reduced, for the time being, to virtual impotence.

"A fuller recognition of these things," concluded Mr. Brownlee, "would have given us greater confidence in the Bank of Canada as a national institution."

Reid Describes Situation

Hon. R. G. Reid also said the Bank of Canada investigators had the advantage of being able to look backwards over known facts, whereas Governments had had to look forward into the unknown in deciding upon policies. Both Federal and Provincial Governments, said Mr. Reid, had, during the years from 1931 onwards, carried out large road-building programs in order to take care of unemployed men. During the years 1922 to 1930, Mr. Reid pointed out, not only was the railway problem satisfactorily solved, but controllable expenditures were reduced by approximately \$2,000,000 and new sources of revenue were found to yield as much as \$2,000,000 annually in the later years of the period.

Highways Building Depends on Ottawa

May Be Substantial Amount if
Grant From Dominion Is
Generous One

EDMONTON — Although interim supply voted by the Alberta Legislature will permit only about \$250,000 to be expended by the Department of Public Works from public revenue account before July 1st, a substantial amount of highway construction may be carried on in Alberta this year if the Dominion Government makes a sufficiently generous grant—to the extent of a million dollars or so.

Hon. W. A. Fallow, Minister of Public Works, says that the Department has forwarded to Ottawa plans for this season's road building operations and if Federal authorities agree to grant dollar for dollar it will mean a \$2,000,000 program for the Province this year.

Details of Plans

Intentions are to proceed with the reconstruction of the Calgary-Lethbridge highway from Okotoks to Macleod, and blotter the newly constructed grade between Calgary and Okotoks a distance of 25 miles. Blottering operations are also planned on the Macleod to Waterton highway, the Minister said.

On the Calgary-Edmonton highway new grade will be built as soon as possible between Red Deer and Innisfail, between Ponoka and Meniak, and the reconstruction between Edmonton and Millet completed last year extended to Wetaskiwin. Blottering of the new grade between Edmonton and Millet is contemplated, Mr. Fallow stated.

Grading will be carried forward on both the Peace River and Jasper highways as far as funds permit, the Minister said, but the extent of the entire Provincial program depends upon Ottawa.

BILL TO RESTORE RIGHT OF APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT

Amendments to Debt Adjustment
Act Introduced—Municipal
Districts Act Amendments

Special to *The Western Farm Leader*

EDMONTON, April 12th. — Important amendments to the Debt Adjustment Act introduced with a consolidation measure presented in the Legislature, restore the rights of appeal to the supreme court from decisions of the board, a right removed when the act was altered in 1936.

Delete Drastic Section

From the act also is deleted a drastic section giving to the Government wide powers to stay court proceedings, halt all debt payments and collections, and generally impose a moratorium at any time by order-in-council.

Under this authority the Government on February 23rd, declared a 60-day blanket moratorium on all private debts, this prohibition expiring on April 23rd, when it will be extended another 90 days, it is expected. However, officials said during the week end that a special bill probably would give powers to the Cabinet for imposing moratoriums and otherwise regulating private debts by order-in-council.

Under amendments to the Municipal Districts Act, any municipal council may purchase land and construct dams to provide livestock with a "municipal waterhole." Wider powers are given the Minister in the bill and authority to impose a poll tax of \$4 on persons employed in the municipality who are not otherwise assessed. Comprehensive changes are drafted for Alberta dairy supervision, the Minister being granted drastic powers for licensing and regulating all dairies, cheese factories, ice cream plants and the like, while all motor vehicles hauling cream will also have to be licensed.

Last Year's Costs

On several occasions Hon. W. A. Fallow has been assailed by J. J. Bowlen, Liberal house leader, for not making returns on the cost of highway construction last year, asked for by Mr. Bowlen at the opening of the session. The Minister of Public Works insisted on each occasion that he was not yet in possession of the cubic yard cost, though Mr. Bowlen charged that the Minister no doubt had the figures on his desk for weeks. Mr. Fallow denied this, but admitted to Mr. Bowlen that the work had been paid for months ago. Engineering reports were not yet complete, he declared.

An inquiry into the operations of the Workmen's Compensation Board accident fund, will be carried on during the next few months by a special House committee named by the Government, the members under the chairmanship of Attorney-General John Hugill, being F. Anderson, Calgary; H. Ingrey, Drumheller; H. O. Duke, Rocky Mountain; J. L. Robinson, Medicine Hat; J. H. Unwin, Edson; A. E. MacLellan, Innisfail; D. M. Duggan, and Dr. Walter Morris, Edmonton.

DOUKHOHOR DISTURBANCES

Guards are being placed around bridges and industrial plants in the Nelson district, following a report that they may be bombed by Doukhobors. Numbers of community halls and schools in the district have been blown up or burned down by some of these people, who do not wish their children to go to school and who are said to be excited over rumors of approaching war in which they fear they may be forced into taking some part.

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INDICT NAZI OPPOSITION

**Discrimination Against Alberta in
Denying Grant Charged—Osh-
awa Auto Dispute Aired**

By WILFRID EGGLESTON
Special to *The Western Farm Leader*

OTTAWA, April 14.—A scathing indictment of Nazi oppression of non-Aryans, a lively uprising of the low-tariff wing of the Liberals against furniture duties, a flurry in the Senate over dump duties allegedly collected without authority, a cluster of supplementary estimates, denunciation of "secret service" methods of the R.C.M.P., an appeal to the Dominion Government to intercede in the Oshawa strike, some discussion about the treatment of Alberta, lengthy debate on the supply of seed-grain to farmers in the dried out areas—these enlivened the final week of the session.

Oshawa Labor Dispute

Members of the C.C.F. group took an active part in these and other last-minute developments. It was J. S. Woodsworth and Angus MacInnis who moved the adjournment of the House on a matter of urgent public importance, providing an occasion for an airing of the Oshawa labor dispute. They sought an assurance that the right to organize was unquestioned, whether the organizing should be done by Canadian or outside agents. They protested against the massing of police at Oshawa and the stand taken by the Ontario Government in lining up behind General Motors.

In reply the Minister of Justice said that help had been requested to maintain law and order, and that as much—no more and no less—had been done as would be done for any other Province making a similar request. The Minister of Labor assured the House that the Conciliation officials of the Federal Department of Labor were available if the Provincial authorities desired, to assist in reaching an agreement between the men and the company.

Against "Agents Provocateurs"

Messrs. Woodsworth and Coldwell protested on another occasion against the activities of such men as Sergeant Leopold, who, as a police spy had taken an active part in labor organizations in Regina for years and had, according to Mr. Woodsworth, acted as an "agent provocateur" seeking to win converts to Communism. It was stated by Mr. Coldwell that Leopold "was actually arrested while leading a demonstration or a riot in Toronto in front of the American consulate some ten years ago, and was found guilty and fined \$50." The Minister of Justice asked: "While he was a member of the force?" and Mr. Coldwell replied: "While he was a member of the force, one of four ringleaders arrested."

The provision of \$750,000 as a temporary grant to Manitoba, pending the report of a royal commission which is to be set up to study the taxing and other responsibilities of the members of Confederation, and a similar grant to Saskatchewan of \$1,500,000, without including Al-

Canadian C.I.O. Organizer Britain's Living Costs Soar



LONDON, April 14.—Costs of living are soaring in Britain, especially food prices. The quarter loaf already costs 9 pence, and will soon jump to 9½ pence. The cost of English beef has leapt from 3 shillings to 4 shillings per hundredweight for live cattle; mutton is up by a penny per pound. Coal costs 2 shillings and 6 pence more than it did a year ago. Dry goods, household furnishings and clothing are getting dearer. Blankets have advanced in price 15 per cent.

used, indemnities, in his view, would not cost the people a cent; and Jos. Unwin (S.C.), Edson, contended that amendments to the B.N.A. Act would be necessary before the proposed changes could be introduced.

Voucher Question Settled

Exemptions of members of the Assembly from restrictions in regard to contracts with the Government in the case of unemployment relief vouchers, is provided in the bill of James Hartley (S.C.), Macleod, given its third and final reading. Other bills which had reached their final stages when this report was written include a bill authorizing guarantees for feeder associations, bills for the taxation of land held under grazing leases, for exemptions from local assessment and taxation interests in crown lands, and for the appointment of a part of taxes collected by the Government to municipalities and school boards.

MEMBERSHIP CUT (Continued from page 2)

always, as someone had pointed out, considered when Governments were in their dying days. When the Social Credit Party, which she said had obtained a new lease of life, was ready to retire, the reduction might be applied to Liberals and Conservatives. Social Credit needed more members than the old parties did because it had a system to change.

Barnes' Proposal

Division of the Province into two areas, with four and two year terms, to begin with and afterwards four year terms similar to the system followed in electing city councils, was favored by S. A. G. Barnes (S.C.), Edmonton. By this means an expression of opinion would be obtained every two years.

That the resolution was not in accord with Social Credit principles was the view of E. O. Duke (S.C.), Rocky Mountain, since if Social Credit were

bera, gave rise to charges of discrimination. The Government's action followed the Bank of Canada's assertion that in view of the Province's default on one-half of its bond interest, its cash position was such that without additional help it could maintain its government services on a basis comparable with that of Manitoba and Saskatchewan following such assistance.

Additional money was voted in the supplementary estimates for landing fields, airports, radio beams, and other aids to aerial navigation. Though late in getting started, the Government means business in the preparing of the Trans-Canada Airways service, and a coast-to-coast airway will be in shape by the end of the year, according to present plans. Municipalities desiring to improve their airports or construct new ones will, under certain conditions, be able to secure a grant from the Federal treasury.

Grant for Fishing Industry

The fishing industry is being remembered with a Government grant, \$500,000 being voted to aid in the re-establishment and reorganization of the "dried and pickled fish branches" on the Atlantic.

The campaign to sell agricultural products abroad is being assisted with a further vote of \$100,000, and a larger sum is voted to assist in agricultural re-settlement.

Grant MacNeil, C.C.F. member for Vancouver, protested vigorously in the dying days of the session against the practise of dismissing civil servants on charges of political partisanship merely on the accusation of a member.

Will Not Restrict Farmers' Own Trading

**Minister Steers Livestock Bill
Through Committee**

EDMONTON—Under the terms of the new Alberta Livestock and Livestock Products Act, which Hon. W. N. Chant steered through a storm of criticism in a manner which finally won plaudits, wide licensing powers are given, and the Minister stated that the intention is primarily NOT to raise revenue but to deal with the new problem of checking marketing by trucks and the difficulty of controlling those who deliver livestock for farmers.

Although some members complained of the wide powers being granted the Minister to bond, license and control dealers, Mr. Chant said it was not intended to restrict those engaged in livestock buying and selling and no exorbitant fees would be imposed.

The Minister gave assurances that no effort would be made to prevent farmers dealing among themselves, nor to hamper the operations of small business places in the country; nor was the measure intended to restrict farmers or ranchers buying stock for feeding purposes. It was not intended to duplicate Federal and Provincial officials.

A section fixing the maximum penalty for an offense under the act at \$200 and costs in the case of a body corporate and not more than \$50 in the case of an individual was sustained on a close vote.

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Current News from Near and Far

PROVINCIAL

Bread prices have been increased by one cent a loaf in Alberta cities.

The Calgary barracks are being named after the late Sir Arthur Currie.

Disturbances in the Lethbridge gaol on Sunday are attributed to "red agitators."

Over 400 attended the organization meeting of the People's League in Lethbridge, it is reported.

Strikes are being carried on in Edmonton this week by workers in the packing plants of Swift Canadian Co., Gainers Limited and Burns & Co., as well as the Snow Flake and New Method Laundries.

Sponsored by the Pioneer Social Credit Group, a petition asking Calgary Social Credit M.L.A.'s to try to bring about the resignation of Mr. Aberhart as Premier, was sent up to Edmonton during the week end.

H. G. Scott, whose inexplicable dismissal as Calgary police magistrate by the Provincial Government soon after it took office caused a good deal of surprise, has been made travelling secretary of the People's League of Alberta.

The grain inquiry being conducted by Mr. Justice Turgeon will open sittings shortly in Calgary, when briefs are to be presented by the U.F.A., the Canadian Wheat Pool, John I. McFarland, and several individual farmers.

Giving evidence before an inquiry held by the agricultural committee of the Legislature into the control of the milk industry by the Public Utilities Board, R. H. M. Bailey advocated continuance of control. Mr. Bailey is managing director of the Alberta Milk and Cream Producers' Association. Several Social Credit M.L.A.'s charged that the Board gave more consideration to the distributing firms than to the consumers.

Criticism of the Provincial Government's slashing of interest payments as "repudiation" and "short-sighted policy" was voiced by the Bank of Canada report on Provincial finances. Alberta, if it paid full interest charges this year, said the report, would be somewhat better off than Saskatchewan and somewhat worse than Manitoba; but, since interest was not to be paid in full, the Province would be able to carry on, and no assistance from the Dominion was recommended. In the course of a 12,000 word report, the administration of the period 1905 to 1922 was characterised as "waste and loose" and that of the years 1923 to 1930 (after the U.F.A. administration came into office) blamed for failure to improve its financial position except for its success in selling the Provincial railways.

High River Social Credit Group No. 2 have passed a resolution asking Premier Aberhart's resignation as Member for their constituency.

Blasting of disused plants in Edmonton and Calgary is in progress, the steel and iron scrap secured to be shipped out of the country for munitions making.

Doubt that the fire which caused \$150,000 damage at East Coulee coal mine was of spontaneous origin was expressed by Dr. Patrick, president of the mine company.

That the next depression will be more abrupt and more severe than the last and may bring the end of the present economic system was the prophecy of W. S. Walter, of Vancouver, speaking on Technocracy in Calgary recently.

DOMINION

The C.C.F. national convention will be held this year in Winnipeg, on July 27th and 28th.

The Ontario Supreme Court has ruled *ultra vires* regulations setting wages for plumbers under the Provincial industrial standards.

Restoration of the 10 per cent wage cut of 10,000 railway workers not included in the former award, which concerned the "running trades" is recommended unanimously by the board of conciliation dealing with the matter.

Because of freight rates that are higher on wheat for domestic consumption than on that for export, B. C. consumers are being mulcted of \$1,250,000 a year, said Dr. Telford, Provincial chairman of the C.C.F., before the Turgeon grain inquiry.

On Premier Hepburn's instructions several hundred of policemen are being organized in readiness to go to Oshawa at short notice. The Liberal Premier is also demanding united support of his Cabinet against the forces of "John L. Lewis and Communism, now marching hand-in-hand." In the United States President Roosevelt and Mr. Lewis have been "marching hand-in-hand" in many efforts to make effective the New Deal legislation, Lewis's support in the last election being heartily welcomed by the President.

There is no justification for increased prices for farm implements at the present time, according to the finding of the House of Commons committee on farm machinery prices. Their report stated that while there was competition between the various companies in sales there was little effective competition in prices. These companies had made "substantial" profits for the most part, and the exceptions were due to other causes than the prices for implements. The committee recommended that the tariff be taken from cream separators.

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Baldwin Gives Way When Franco Threatens

LONDON, April 14th.—Warning has been received by the Board of Trade from General Franco, rebel Spanish leader, that the waters in specified parts of the Mediterranean and Bay of Biscay coasts have been mined and would be "unsafe" for shipping. British merchantmen have been prevented by the Fascist warships from bringing food into government ports and, while the British H.M.S. Hood was sent to protect them in the open sea, Premier Baldwin announced that protection could not be given in Spanish waters and advised them to avoid unpleasantness by staying away.

TEACHERS' BILL RATIFIED

EDMONTON, April 14th.—After occupying the stage for a large part of three sessions, when it was the subject of bitter debate from the pro-trustee and the pro-teacher factions in the Legislature, and after having four of its twelve clauses dropped, the new teachers' bill was finally ratified last night. In committee, Professor Ottewell, vice-president of the trustees' Association, and Dr. Lazerte, president of the A.T.A., voiced the viewpoint of their respective organizations. It was admitted that both bodies had been carrying on vigorous lobbying during the past few days.

The main feature of the act is that the teachers' contracts are again made continuous, unless terminated before June 20th of any year. A new clause, added on motion of A. J. Hooke (S.C.), restores the board of reference formerly set up to settle disputes between trustees and teachers.

Premier Blum has emphatically denied charges of Italian Fascist newspapers that France has violated the non-intervention agreement.

The Nazi authorities in Germany have given official status as a religion to the Neopagan, anti-Semitic doctrines promulgated by Ludendorff, who declared "we will rid ourselves of Christian dogma."

In a by-election deliberately sought by the Belgian Fascist leader, Leon Degrelle, by ordering the resignation of one of his followers, so that a test of strength might be made, the Government was sustained by a four to one vote and the Fascists very decisively beaten.

President Benes, of Czechoslovakia, has recently visited Prince Paul of Yugoslavia in an effort to strengthen the Little Entente—the agreement of these two countries, with Rumania, to co-operate in adhering to the League of Nations, and to work closely with France. The Little Entente has been threatened by the recent treaty of Jugoslavia with Italy.

Government defenders of Madrid have been making a vigorous effort to break through the rebel forces besieging the city, and have made some gains, though with considerable losses of men. They have also achieved some successes in the Cordoba province, in the struggle for control of the coalfields there, and in Guadalajara; on the other hand, the Fascist forces appear to have approached nearer to Bilbao.

Drawn from all classes of society and representative of Conservative as well as Liberal and Labor points of view, the Second National Congress of Peace and Friendship with the U.S.S.R. (The Soviet Union) in London, England, announced as speakers recently: The Duchess of Atholl, Sir Norman Angell, Mr. Vyvyan Adams, M.P., Mr. Dingle Foot, M.P., Mr. G. D. H. Cole, Mr. D. N. Pritt, K.C., M.P., and other men and women prominent in law, public affairs, literature, and politics.

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By New Measure

Special to *The Western Farm Leader*

EDMONTON, April 13th—Horizontally slashing principal amounts of private debts contracted before July 1st, 1932, to the extent of fifty percent, and providing for payment of the balance with interest on the total amount in ten annual instalments, and opening the Debt Adjustment Act to permit appeals from "necessitous creditors," Hon. Lucien Maynard tabled Alberta's new Debt Reduction Bill in the Legislature last week.

Scope Widened

Immediately after the "Maynard Bill" was submitted, Hon. John Hugill, Attorney-General, introduced drastic amendments to the Debt Adjustment Act which widen the measure to include adjustment of all private debts from July 1st, 1932, to July 1st, 1935, no action to be permitted in the courts against any contractual obligations involved in this period without a permit for action first having been obtained from the Debt Adjustment Board.

Formerly only farmers and home owners were thus protected by the Debt Adjustment Act. Under both measures Provincial, municipal and other public debts of this nature are exempt and must be paid in full.

The Maynard measure is designed to replace the 1936 Reduction and Settlement of Debts Act found unconstitutional by Mr. Justice Ewing of the supreme court.

Report Legal Authorities Think Ultra Vires

The new bill would not be given official sanction by the Attorney-General's branch, it is reported, and other legal authorities express the opinion that the act as created and drafted by the young Minister of Municipal Affairs is also likely to be declared ultra vires.

The new bill, unlike the 1936 proposal, does not affect interest rates, the old measure wiping out all interest on private debts prior to July 1st, 1932, and fixing a maximum of five per cent for debts contracted after that date up to July 1st, 1935. In the Maynard bill an option is offered creditors who are prepared to forego interest since 1932, they being authorized to give notice in writing to the debtor that the balance due at July 1st, 1932, is to be collected, but such notice must be given by September 1st, 1937. Unless otherwise ordered the debt must be payable in 10 annual instalments commencing November 15th, 1937.

One of the principal sections of the act reads:

"The amount of any old debt which may be recovered by any person entitled to recover the same shall be fifty percent of the amount of the old debt as at the first day of July, 1932, together with any interest payable in respect of the debt under any agreement for the payment on interest thereon which was subsisting on the first day of July, 1932, at the rate stipulated therein, together with any advances made under and by virtue of any agreement relating to the old debt whenever made and interest in such advances at the stipulated rate, after deducting all sums paid on account of the old debt and interest."

In case default is made in the payment of any instalment provided for settlement, the Debt Adjustment Board may declare that any instalments not then due are due and payable and may issue a permit to the creditor to take necessary proceedings.

If after due inquiry the Debt Ad-

Edmonton Session Reviewed

Insurgents Win Important Positions During Seven Weeks' Battle

By C. H. STOUT

EDMONTON, April 14th.—Insurgents in the Assembly Social Credit ranks did not succeed in all their plans against the Aberhart regime, but they won several important positions during the seven weeks' strife and at least twenty members will go back to their constituencies firm in the conviction that Social Credit theories will never get a fair trial until another leader occupies the Premier's desk at Edmonton.

Came Out Narrowly Ahead

Government forces came out ahead, but narrowly, in the first real factual test of the session last Wednesday, when Speaker Dawson permitted a vote on the motion of A. J. Hooke, Red Deer, to temporarily adjourn the House to discuss an alleged breach of faith on the part of two Cabinet Ministers and the Premier with insurgent members. The motion was rejected 30 to 26, with six opposition members supporting the insurgents. The result was so close with some of the insurgents absent, that the Government summarily abandoned any plans for bringing back the budget and attempting to force it through before adjournment.

Mr. Hooke submitted a statement in which it was charged that two Cabinet Ministers, with the sanction of Mr. Aberhart, endeavored to get private members to oppose the motion of the Premier some days previously for the withdrawal of the main supply motion, the motion requiring unanimous assent and being promised by Mr. Aberhart in caucus if three month's provisional supply was allowed to pass. J. L. Robinson, strong Aberhart supporter of Medicine Hat, did object when the Premier asked leave of the House to withdraw the supply motion. It was alleged by insurgents that the Ministers trying to induce other members to object were Messrs. Maynard and Low. Speaker Dawson ruled the adjournment motion out of order Thursday.

Another Embarrassing Moment

Another embarrassing moment for the Government was also avoided when Mr. Speaker refused to allow on the Order paper a resolution from S. A. G. Barnes, Edmonton, which proposed that the Assembly vote out the Premier and Cabinet and select a new Premier who would name another Cabinet. The resolution claimed such procedure had been carried out in Australia and the Irish Free State. Mr. Speaker ruled that the resolution was so worded that it sought to usurp the rights of the Lieutenant-Governor.

The Assembly joined Friday in a resolution of Fred Anderson, Calgary, that the Government inquire into the question of constituency redistribution and a cutting down of the number of members in the House, a reduction in Cabinet portfolios, and a general lowering of the costs of legislation. Earlier in the session a similar motion of D. M. Duggan, Edmonton, was ruled out of order by the Speaker on the grounds that it was in effect a money resolution which only a Cabinet Minister could introduce. Mr. Anderson's resolution merely suggested that

adjustment Board is satisfied that non-payment of the instalment was due to circumstances over which the debtor has no control, such as drought, hail, frost or any other act of nature, or due to the fact that the debtor was unable to make the payment because of his inability to obtain payment of debts due to him by reason of the existence of similar circumstances, the board shall not issue a permit.

the Government investigate and report to the House at the next session.

Licensing Bill Not Withdrawn

Nearly all week the House in committee wrangled over a steady flow of bills, nearly one hundred being on the docket for the session, mainly of minor amending importance.

In reply to J. J. Bowlen, Calgary, Hon. Dr. Cross said the obnoxious licensing, marketing and price fixing bills, 35, 36 and 41, would stand over for further consideration. Premier Aberhart denied he told newspapers they would be withdrawn, but insurgents declare he promised them in caucus the measures would not be proceeded with. They will stand over until the June portion of the session, at least, it is expected.

Hon. Dr. Cross said in the Legislature last week, with reference to information asked for by opposition members with regard to prosperity certificates and credit houses, that so much work was involved he feared it would not be possible to bring down a return until next session.

TEACH PUPILS CO-OPERATION

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It is to be questioned if there was ever a time in the world's history when so many social experiments were being made. We in Alberta have joined in and made our contribution to the general experiments on exhibit. To date, ours does not seem to have been much of a success. The enthusiastic supporters assure us that it is yet too early to pronounce a verdict.

Scandinavia and U.S.S.R.

From time to time we hear favorable comment on attempts being made in the Scandinavian countries. Russia comes in for a great share of attention. Recently I read a most enthusiastic account of some of the U.S.S.R. attempts in "This Soviet World" (Henry Holt & Co., New York) by Anna Louise Strong who, by the way, was speaking in Alberta last week on the situation in Spain. I was particularly interested in her account of the efforts they were making in the life of the farm people. From an enthusiast one usually expects a leaning toward a favorable interpretation of the situation. Dr. Strong plainly states that by no means all the soviet farms are well organized, but efficiency is increasing; nor are all of them prosperous, but prosperity is increasing. Even if the sceptical want to minimize the progress made to a certain extent, there is still enough left about which to marvel.

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It is an absorbing story of the farm people, the government and science working hand in hand. It is a story of extending the areas of wheat, flax, barley, sugar beet and a score of other important crops, and of increasing the yield. It is a story of science helping the people to develop frost resistant fruits and harder grains, of destroying pests and fertilizing animals via mail or aeroplane from experimental stations to laboratory cottages which abound. It is a story of new machinery that has almost revolutionized some phases of the farming industry.

The work being done is accomplishing miracles technically but more than that it is giving a new way of life to the peasants of the Soviet. It has provided farm centres which are centres of culture for the rural districts. There are hospitals and reading rooms and small laboratories where experiments are conducted and knowledge is gained and passed on. There are recreations and amusements in plenty in these centres, with an interest in the drama, in music, in art. It is a story of a life that has afforded scope for the initiative, the organizing ability, the enthusiasm of youth.

Turning Point in Farming History

The writer of the book claims that the years 1930 to 1933 will go down in history as the turning point of farming history in the world. When this new type of soviet collective farming, as she says, won security on the soil—security from drought, from floods, from mortgages, from chances of nature and the exploitation of man.

The farming people of this continent have clung to their hearts the belief that private ownership and individual operation of farms meant independence. There is no mistake but that they will have to look the situation squarely in the face. If the small privately owned (save the mark!) individually operated farm is to them the dearest thing in life, then they must face the fact that if they continue such farms as we are, they will be competing in a world's market against more efficiently operated, more cheaply produced farm goods.

Following Uneconomic Methods

There is no use getting wildly agitated. If we prefer to have the overhead of a greater amount of individual machinery, of privately owned land, then we can not have a balance for the comforts that will raise the standard of living. We may not need to adopt the methods of any other country in entirety, but it is becoming increasingly evident that as a class we are following uneconomic methods which must be replaced by some form of greater co-operative work.

Perhaps we may be compelled to look into the matter more closely. We may even reach the stage when we shall not be thrown into a panic at the mention of public ownership of farm lands. We may stop and in-

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Wages of \$4, \$5 and \$6 weekly are being paid by the Consolidated Leaf Tobacco Company in Ontario, said Hon. David Croll, Minister of Labor for the Province.

Farm Home and Garden

Little Sweet Biscuits: Put in a saucepan together half a pound of butter, 1-1/2 cups sugar, half cup milk and half a teaspoon soda. Bring to the boil, then cool. Mix with 4 cups flour and a little salt; knead well, roll out, cut into squares or rounds, prick with a fork and bake. They are very good like this, and are delicious put together in pairs with icing between. Will keep for months.

Tomato Plants: Our season being so short for ripening tomatoes, the Experimental sub-station at Beaverlodge recommend transplanting the little plants into eight-inch pots, or tin cans, when they have their second leaves. The pots are recommended, but they are rather expensive and cans will be found a fairly good substitute. In this way, you can have big plants, in blossom, ready for transplanting into the garden in the middle of June.

Savory Fritters: Try these for a popular supper dish some chilly spring evening. To each cup of flour add 1 teaspoon baking powder, a little salt and pepper, and a pinch of mixed herbs or summer savory; then stir in a beaten egg and enough milk to make a rather thick batter. Lastly add a minced cold meat—any kind and any quantity up to half a cupful, drop by spoonfuls into smoking hot fat; brown on one side then turn over; serve very hot.

To Clean Suede Shoes or Felt Hats: Brush well, then go over them lightly with a piece of fine sandpaper.

Vienna Tarts: Mix half a pound of cottage cheese with half a pound of butter and 11 heaping tablespoonsful of flour and a pinch of salt; knead well, and put in a cool place overnight. Next day roll out thin, cut into oblongs, put a small teaspoon of jam on each, fold over and press edges together; bake in a moderate to hot oven.

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Activities of Farm Women's Locals

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Mrs. Daisy A. Craig, secretary of Namao U.F.W.A., writes that the members "enjoyed an exceptionally fine paper on adult education" at the last meeting.

Fifteen members have signed the roll of the new Griffin Creek U.F.W.A., investigate without prejudice the results in other countries.

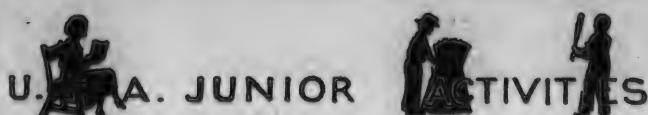
Yours sincerely,
H. ZELLA SPENCER.

near Brownvale, in Peace River constituency. Mrs. Margaret D. Eastman is president and Mrs. I. C. Dixon secretary.

East Vegreville U.F.W.A. holds well-attended meetings every month; they have made two quilts and two layettes that were given to mothers needing them. They recently enjoyed a visit from Mrs. MacNaughton.

As we previously announced, a quantity of flower and vegetable seeds have been sent to Central Office from Fort Saskatchewan U.F.W.A. for distribution in the drought area or to needy families anywhere in the Province.

Naco U.F.W.A. are regretting the


U.F.W.A. JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

GET READY FOR FARM YOUNG PEOPLE'S WEEK

Why You Should Make Sure That at Least One Representative Attends the Conference From Your District

Dear Juniors:

These days at Central Office, as it is every spring, our thoughts and work are very largely taken up by Farm Young People's Week, which is to be held at the University from June 9th to 15th inclusive.

Those of you who have not had the pleasure of attending this Week must wonder why we do so much writing and talking about it. Well, it is because it is so important and is of such real value to all farm boys and girls. We can't stress this too much. No district can afford to miss the opportunity of sending some young person to this Week.

Yet much as we have talked about this Week, the response this year for contributions to our Junior Conference Fund is very small. Of course you do not have to contribute to this fund in order to be represented at the Conference. This money is used to rebate a portion of the travelling expenses of those who paid into the Pool. If you find it impossible to send a representative from your district at least try to make a contribution to the fund.

Call Meeting for District

Could you not call a meeting of the young people in your district and make plans to raise enough money to send one representative. The board for the Week is \$10.50. This plus the fare and a dollar or two for incidental expenses would be the amount you would have to raise.

Have your representative come prepared to take part in the public speaking contest, grain judging contest, girls' competitions and the scholarship exams. Cash prizes are being offered for the various competitions.

There are lectures by the University professors in history, literature, animal husbandry, poultry raising, photography, dramatics, folk dancing, etc., etc. The recreational side is not overlooked and there is dancing, a concert put on by the delegates, plays, a show, and a banquet and dance the closing night.

The program for the week is well-balanced. The only regret one has after attending a Conference is that it is not possible for all our farm young people to attend and that it is only for one week.

Once more, do try and get the people of your district to send at least one representative to the Conference. You will not regret it.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

EILEEN BIRCH,
Secretary.

loss of two of their members, Mrs. R. C. Fraser, who has moved to Penticton, and Mrs. E. Stewart who has gone to live near Edmonton. "With so many moving away," writes the secretary, Mrs. Pearson, "it's rather hard to carry on; but those who are here are very faithful members." The Local cleared \$14.50 from a concert.

The March meeting of Lamont U.F.W.A. took the form of a Shamrock Tea, and patches were cut out for a quilt for the local hospital. The members have enjoyed the book reviews and bulletins. They have had only fair attendance at the winter meetings but are expecting bigger gatherings during the summer.

Mrs. Chris Doenz gave a splendid report of the Convention to the March meeting of Warner U.F.W.A.—the state of the roads having made an earlier meeting impossible. This Local feels honored, writes Mrs. Ruth Graham, secretary, in having one of their members made Provincial President.



More Potatoes in German Bread

Not only must German bakers add 7 per cent of corn meal to wheat flour used for making bread, but, according to an official order issued in March, up to 10 per cent of potato flour, dried potato products, dried buttermilk and milled corn may be mixed with rye or wheat flour without notice being given to buyers by any change in the labels.

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Junior News Items

Willow Springs Juniors realized about \$48 from their play and dance.

Broadview Juniors intend to hold several dances before June, so that they will have money enough to send at least one delegate to Edmonton.

Mike Piche will represent Willow Springs Juniors at the Junior Conference. This Local plan to hold a public speaking contest.

The Lincoln Juniors (Lacombe) are working to raise funds to send a delegate to the Junior Conference. They have now a membership of thirty.

A slight increase in membership is reported by Loyalty Juniors, with hopes of a further gain at later meetings. Recently the Calder young people brought their play to Loyalty and a large crowd enjoyed it and the dance that followed.

"Should the Juniors continue their Local?" was the question before a recent meeting of Dalemead Juniors, and those present voted unanimously

to carry on. Della Newton was elected president, Ralph Winter vice-president, and Lloyd J. Nelson secretary.

Hope Valley Juniors have decided to send two delegates to the Junior Conference in June. At a recent meeting the "Declaration of Rights of Canadian Youth" and the "Youth Act" were read and endorsed, and a very interesting review of the book "Changing Governments and Changing Cultures," was read.

"Approaching blindness and wrecked nervous systems" are the lot of many women who make dresses "sold in the finest shops in the country," according to the Pennsylvania Bureau of Women and Children, which states that home-workers in this business earn from 2 to 10 cents an hour.

Definitions

Boy: A noise with dirt on it.

Saxophone: An ill wind that nobody blows good.

Detour: The roughest distance between two points.

Etc.: Sign used to make others believe you know more than you do.

HOW IT BEGAN

By Paul F. Berdanier



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LIVESTOCK MARKETS REVIEW

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, April 14th.—So far this week there has been considerably more action on the cattle market. Prices on the whole remain steady or unchanged, except medium cows which are showing a weaker undertone. Prevailing prices are: good to choice fed calves, \$7 to \$8, others \$6.50 down; good to choice steers \$7 to \$8, mediums \$5.50 to \$6.50, common to fair \$4 to \$5; good to choice cows \$3.75 to \$4.50, common to medium \$2.25 to \$3.25; canners and cutters \$1.25 to \$1.75, bulls \$2 to \$3. The stocker and feeder market remains about steady and unchanged, with good kinds from \$4 to \$5, others from \$3.50 down. The calf market is 50¢ per hundred lower, with good to choice kinds from \$6 to \$7, others \$5.50 down. The hog market is unsettled with a weak undertone. Yesterday, Tuesday, trucked-in bacon sold at \$7.75, selects bringing a premium of 50¢ and butchers discounted 50¢ per cwt. There were insufficient sheep or lamb receipts to establish a market.

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, April 14th.—The cattle market is active, with prices fully steady and a keen demand for finished cattle. Hogs are 35¢ lower, with selects at \$8.25, bacon \$7.75, butchers \$7.25 off trucks. A few local lambs sold at \$7.25. Good to choice butchers steers \$7 to \$8.35, common to medium \$4.50 to \$6.75; good to choice heifers \$6 to \$7.25, good cows \$4.75 to \$5.25, good bulls \$3 to \$3.75, good to choice fed calves \$7 to \$7.75, good to choice veal calves \$7 to \$7.50; good stocker and feeder steers \$3.75 to \$4.50, common \$3 to \$3.50; good stocker cows and heifers \$2.50 to \$4.

Milk and Cream Prices**Calgary and Edmonton**

Eastern and Western butter markets continue firm at last week's quotations, and the local market also shows a strong undertone. The present prices are considerably higher than have been maintained over a long period. However, it is questionable if the market will continue to hold at this high level until the first of May. Churn cream deliveries remain unchanged since last week's advance. With the improved road conditions Calgary receipts should commence to show a vast improvement. Churn cream is based on 26¢ for special grade, delivered Calgary, and 25¢ Edmonton. City milk is \$2.35 per hundred Calgary, and \$2.23 Edmonton, for 3.6 butter fat. Table cream 32, Calgary and Edmonton.

SOCIAL CREDIT BILL

(Continued from page 1) seemed necessary, while Hon. Dr. Cross charged insurgents with forcing the bill on the Government and then turning against it. HE THOUGHT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE JUSTIFIED IN HAVING NOTHING MORE TO DO WITH SOCIAL CREDIT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCE.

"We are tired of a Government

WHEAT SITUATION

The forecast of the United States Department of Agriculture that, based on April 1st conditions in the winter wheat belt there, the yield this year would total 656 million bushels or 137 million bushels more than last year, suggested the possibility of the United States having an export surplus from her 1937 crop. This provided "bearish" news for the wheat markets which had been forging steadily upward on a constant diet of "bullish" items. At the same time that was not nearly so potent a factor in causing concern as the faint whisper that the United States might decrease the price of gold. Such a move would bring down all commodity prices with a thud.

As far as statistics are concerned the wheat market is still in a strong position. Argentine shipments have depleted stocks until less than 50 million bushels of surplus remains, and Brazil requires 20 million of that. The Australian surplus is down to 40 million bushels. This leaves a total of 70 million bushels available to world trade during the next 35 weeks which must pass before new harvests are ready in those countries, or around two million bushels a week.

Canadian supplies are comparatively nominal, 142 million bushels having been shipped up to the first of April. Visible supplies are around 80 million bushels. It is anticipated that rapid depletion of these should take place before the end of the crop year.

Europe in the meantime is buying extensively, purchases by Germany and Italy being notably large. Germany is using every possible substitute but the demands of her people are causing a steady importation of wheat.

Farmers in Western Canada are busy preparing for seeding. The weather during the first two weeks of April was fair in Alberta and if this continues seeding will be general very shortly. The size of the acreage seeded will depend to a considerable degree on the amount of seed grain available to farmers in the drought areas and where hail caused damage last year. There is sufficient moisture to give the grain a good start, but very little in reserve.

that acts by starts, stops, and reversals," declared A. V. Bourcier, Lac Ste Anne. "This bill will make a start, the board will stop and the Cabinet will reverse."

All insurgents maintained the bill was nothing like the measure they submitted to the Government and could see no hope for its success with an inexperienced board of members of the House being made a permanent Social Credit administration body and having no prospect of being able to engage technical experts who would be dominated by the board, who in turn would be dominated by the Cabinet, in turn dominated by the Premier.

Party strife unquestionably reached a climax with the passing of the new social credit bill, with the battle to be carried to the country after adjournment today until probably the 7th of June.

Premier Aberhart announced that

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"Once again I am able to send you a few subscriptions from our members of this organization," writes Walter J. Reida, secretary of Kerndale U.F.A. Local, in a letter to *The Western Farm Leader*. "These subscriptions are paid from dividends received from money saved in co-operative buying of farm supplies and fruit, etc.

Make Large Savings

"Many of the farmer members saved alone from rebates and dividends paid from Central as well as from the Local as much as fifteen dollars, besides keeping the price of farm commodities lower. This is based on the 1936 business year of the Local.

"Our Local, although the membership was only twenty-one members in 1936, purchased one car of mixed fruit, one car of winter apples, and a car of salt, besides purchasing 5,600 lbs. and 150 gallons of lubricating oil. We also purchased a large quantity of flour, honey and formaldehyde at very reasonable prices. This is just an estimate of what a Local can do if properly organized. Our members of 1937 practically all had their membership dues paid from dividends coming from the Local. By this we can plainly see that co-operative buying and selling pays even only a small scale. So now let's all see what we can do for our Local and by so doing we can help to build our Central Co-operative organization."

Much Progress at Acme

"It is with pleasure that I am able to report a new impetus toward co-operative enterprise in this district during the past year," writes Mrs. Cora J. Kerns, of Acme.

"Last June the local creamery was taken over by about 80 signers in this vicinity and finally merged with the Central Alberta Pool with headquarters at Alix. Although the lack of feed this winter caused by our disastrous hail storm of July last, has been responsible for depleted supply of cream this winter, still the new move has given the dairymen a couple of cents extra on all their butter fat.

"A new move has been made to enter the co-operative purchasing of farm supplies, starting with oil and tractor fuel, through the connection with Central Office and will be conducted locally through the U.F.A. on the Rochdale plan. Another co-operative move of importance to the future of the farming industry has been the organization of a Junior Wheat Club with the full number allotted to each club of 25 members. The boys are enthusiastically starting their plans under the leadership of H. G. Way and plan to later add an athletic branch—thus they will learn to work and play together."

the new Debts Postponement Bill endorsed Monday would be brought into effect by way of an extension of the moratorium until June, while the Debt Reduction Bill of Hon. Lucien Maynard will not be dealt with until June.

"All members here appreciate the splendid paper you turn out in the interests of the farmers and of co-operation. I am enclosing \$1 as subscription for Thos. W. Plumb. He does not desire a premium. Money is very scarce here or I would be able to get you many subscriptions. However, I hope to send you some from time to time"—John Mitchell, Assistant Secretary, Hillanvale U.F.A., Monitor.

LONDON, April 14th.—Canada wants ten million more Britishers to help it to prosperity, declared Bishop Ingram of London last night.

**Veterinary Questions
and Answers**

Question on the care of animals in illness will be answered in this column from issue to issue by a graduate veterinarian with 25 years' experience in practice in Alberta. Every paid-up subscriber to *The Western Farm Leader* is entitled to have a question answered. The subscription is One Dollar per year.

Indigestion

Bentley, Alta.—One of my horses takes colic quite often, would like to know what might cause and what treatment you would advise?

Answer: This may be a form of indigestion. Have the following made up by your druggist and give one tablespoon in grain three times a day:

Fluid extract of Gentian; fluid extract of Nux Vomica; fluid extract of Cascara, each one ounce, water to make 8 ounces.

Cancer of Eye

Ponoka, Alta.—I have a five year old cow with a growth in one eye which seems to be getting larger all the time. It is discharging most of the time. What treatment would you advise?

Answer: This may be cancer of the eye. The only treatment would be an operation removing the eye.

Freedom to be Neutral

That Canada should establish her freedom to declare her neutrality in any British war, should it be deemed desirable to do so, is the substance of a resolution passed by the Wayne U.F.A. Local at a recent meeting. The Local asks that in this respect Canada be placed on an equality with South Africa, which in 1934 passed two bills under the terms of which it would be possible for South Africa to take such a course, all that remains in order to establish that right completely being the formal notification of foreign states.

We plan to print the resolution in full in our next issue, with an explanation of the South African legislation.

The Spanish people who were struggling in the trenches and behind them to uphold the People's Front Government recognised the fact that they were fighting for democracy and against Fascism as world forces, declared Dr. Anna Louise Strong, speaking to a large audience in Calgary last week. Over \$200 was raised at the meeting in aid of Dr. Bethune's medical unit in Spain.

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**Consumer Co-operative Movement
Is Furnishing Answer, Boston
Merchant Declares**

(Co-operative League News Service)

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 14th.—"The time has passed when we need to fight for democracy. The time has come when we need to think for democracy," Edward A. Filene, Boston merchant, told the Women's National Democratic Club, meeting here on the twentieth anniversary of America's entry into the World War.

"We are seeking democratic solutions (to our problems of war and unemployment) not merely because we prefer democracy to autocracy, but because there can be no real solutions which are not democratic. War and unemployment are definitely problems of distribution, and can be abolished only by democratic distribution—distribution to all the peoples of the things which they must have if they are to live peacefully and happily."

"The consumer co-operative is furnishing the answer," declared Mr. Filene. "I didn't say it was going to. I said it is; for the consumer co-operative movement in America is growing by leaps and bounds. And these co-operatives are not only thriving but are orienting the minds of their members to the facts of modern life."

"The alternative today is not Democracy or Special Privilege. Our choice now is between Democracy—including economic democracy—and chaos."

If the Government would not provide information asked for, opposition members might as well go home and let the Government run things as they wished, declared J. J. Bowlen, (Lib.) who had asked for figures on the cost of highway construction last year. When the Minister, Hon. W. A. Fallow, said the figures were not yet available, Mr. Bowlen returned, "My information is that the Minister has this information and has had it for weeks."

A drive to increase their membership by 250,000 and their sales by £15,000,000 is being made this year by British co-operators.

Tough Baby

Bill (viciously attacking a piece of chicken)—This must be an incubator chicken.

Joe—Why?

Bill—No chicken with a mother could be so tough.

Rastus was in the war. At every explosion he tried to get to the rear line.

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Arrive from Moscow for Holiday



U. S. Ambassador and Mrs. Joseph Davies are shown as they arrived from Moscow in New York on the *Queen Mary* for a short holiday. In an interview Ambassador Davies referred to the immense strides which are being made in industrialisation of the U.S.S.R., and declared that the leaders of the Government are "exceptionally able, earnest, hard-working and strong men and women."

"Trinity of People" British Method of Progress Is Stated

Economic Unions, Political Action, Co-operatives, Three Methods Working in Harmony

(Co-operative League News Service)

NEW YORK, April 14th.—Clad entirely in "co-op clothes," Herbert Morrison, Labor Member of the British Parliament and President of the London County Council, sketched hastily the tremendous growth of British co-operatives and outlined what he called "the trinity of the people" in a special interview with a representative of the Co-operative League News Service at the Hotel Pennsylvania last week.

The British Trade Unions, the Labor Party and the consumers co-operatives, working in close harmony have made commendable progress in providing better working conditions, social security legislation and more and higher quality goods for the people, Mr. Morrison declared.

Middle Classes Join

"In London alone nearly a million consumers are members of co-operatives, while in Britain the total co-operative membership is between seven and eight million. During the last ten years the London co-ops have made tremendous progress. Considered previously an almost exclusively working class movement, the co-operatives have recently enrolled hundreds of thousands of the middle classes. Co-operative Department stores, grocery stores, bakeries and productive plants dot the city of London," declared the British Labor Party head.

"The co-operative movement has become a great social and economic factor in the country. Because of its need for defense against discriminatory taxation it is a growing political factor as well. British labor and consumers are committed to a program to make a new commonwealth by eliminating profit. In spite of the dominance of the individual profit motive in your country, the co-operative movement will eventually grow to tremendous proportions and will be a good thing for America."

It is reported from Washington that arrangements have been completed for an English-American trans-Atlantic air service, with Imperial Airways making two flights weekly and Pan-American Airways two.

A special vote of \$150,000 was passed by the Legislature for fighting grasshoppers and other pests.

FORUM ON C.C.F. PROGRAM

(Continued from page 1)

distinguish them from the original.
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Our ultimate aim is to attain economic security for all by replacing the present capitalistic system with its inherent injustices and inhumanity by a social order in which the domination and exploitation of one class by another will be eliminated; in which economic planning will take the place of unregulated private enterprise and competition, and in which true self-government based on equal opportunity for all will be possible.

We fully realise, however, that such an economic and social order can be established only upon a national scale. Moreover, its establishment is contingent upon the people of Canada being sufficiently well informed to demand its introduction. Our most important activity for the present must therefore be one of education.

Furthermore, the legislative and economic possibilities of the Province are strictly limited. We believe that the following program is within the ability of the Province to accomplish and that it is in accordance with the ultimate aim of our organization.

(In our next issue the section of the program dealing with Agriculture will be printed, together with the changes suggested by Five Mile Local.)

Ill of pneumonia, Samuel Larcombe, famous "wheat king" of Birtle, Manitoba, was unable to attend a ceremony designed in honor of his eighty-fifth birthday by the Manitoba Legislature.

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Agencies Collecting Grazing Leases Merged

EDMONTON, April 12th — Three Provincial agencies which have up to the present collected taxes owing to the Government, municipalities and school districts, from grazing leases, will be merged under the terms of a bill sponsored in the Legislative Assembly by Hon. N. E. Tanner, Minister of Lands and Mines.

The grazing lease taxation act which formerly provided for equalized assessment, Mr. Tanner explained, was found to be insufficiently elastic and failed to take into account the various values of the leases, a feature which the new legislation would incorporate.

Deprives of Power

The new bill will deprive municipal districts and improvement districts of the right to tax crown leases and will impose an annual tax on such leases of an amount equal to the rent payable for the leases.

The tax therefore would range from one to two cents an acre, the Minister said, with all arrears of taxes to municipal districts declared to be the property of the Province. In special municipal areas all taxes are to be turned over by the Provincial Treasurer to the special areas board. In other parts one-fourth will be turned over to the municipal district officials, with one-fourth paid to the Provincial Treasurer for school grant purposes.

The new legislation will be administered by the Department of Lands and Mines serving as the sole collecting agency.

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By SYDNEY MAY

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And this is to remind Oscar, the office boy of CFAC, that it is not in order to refer to the News Hound of CJCA as a barker. Nunno, Oscar, he might bite.

Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, refers to her latest boy friend as her financier. Yep, snorts Wally, our incurable bach., ard from what I know of Li'l Goldilocks, that's what he'll need to be.

SURE MIKE!

"By this time", postards the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest, "I'll bet Premier Aberhart is beginning to appreciate the difference between 'giving a radio broadcast' and 'getting the air'."

Favorite song of the Social Credit Ginger Group: "Sweet and (Solon) Low."

OUCH! OUCH!! OUCH!!!

And that reminds us that the Provincial Treasurer found the opposition so strong he couldn't budget.

Dear Musty, Well we've got a schoolmaster as Premier, but it seems to be his legislative pupils who raise cane. Hoping you are the same.

—Knotty Frankie.

"Alberta Needs More Roadwork,"—headline. Ah yes, especially on the road to happiness.

WOULDN'T THIS SLAY YOU

Dear Syd: I ran into Cynical Gus the other night and do you know old top, that guy's so generous that if you have \$5 and he's got \$1, he says, "We've got \$6."

W. F. M., Medicine Hat

Communication from Mister Gloom tells us that many a man who is a character hasn't one.

Walter Winchell, New York Communist declares: "Sleep is a luxury." He should know. Columnists have to be wide-awake guys.

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A financial genius, declares Crusty Bill of Midnapore, is a man who can earn money faster than his family can spend it.

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—Advt.

SPORT

North Battleford Beavers staged a great comeback on Monday night when, after losing the first two games of the Allan Cup playoff, they defeated the Sudbury Tigers 7 to 5. The game went to overtime and the winning markers were scored by George Allen and Cam Burke. These two teams will meet again and another win for Sudbury will make them Senior Hockey Champions of Canada.

Sudbury has a great team and at the time of going to press are favored to win the series. They are a fast lot of skaters and their right wing, Cholette, has the hardest shot that has been seen in Calgary for some time. Dewey, centre, is a particularly smart skater and takes a lot of watching. The defence of Regan and Kampman is very effective, while their goalie, Teno, is one of the cleverest little goal tenders we've seen.

North Battleford Beavers have a lot of pretty skaters, their line of Duchak, Shillington and Burke being their strongest. When these boys are on the ice a very fine brand of hockey is dished out. Vic Myles, defence player, is by far the biggest man on the team, and for his size is very fast and is one of the most effective men on the ice. He starts many a rush and is often a scorer; good, too, at breaking up the other team's rush.

This is the first time the hockey finals have been played off in Alberta, and Calgary fans have certainly seen some fine hockey. It will be some years before Calgary will have another chance to witness the Allan Cup finals, and judging by the large crowds, hockey fans are making the best of this opportunity.

Character can be told by the ears, according to a psychologist. Thickened ones indicate an impulsive nature and a weak defence.

A Scotswoman was seeking free advice from a doctor who was staying at the same hotel.

"Doctor, what would you do if you were run down?" she asked.

"Madam," he replied, "I should take the number of the car and inform the police."

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—Thenx to Lionel, Calgary

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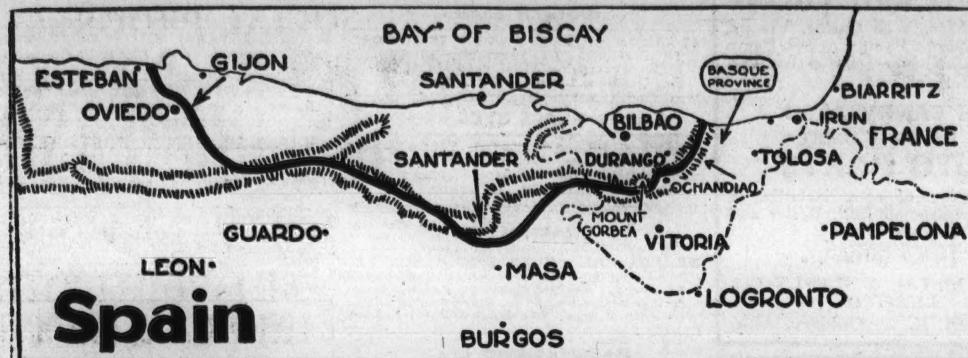
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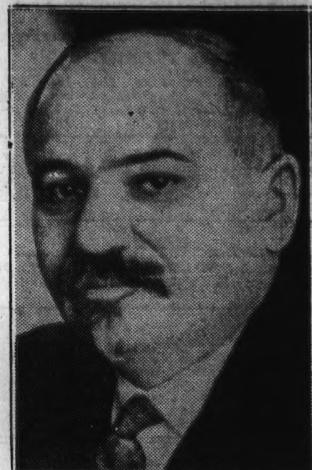
The manner in which the threat to Spanish Loyalist forces in the Basque Province of Spain is intensified by the British Government's decision not to protect British merchant ships entering Spanish harbors is made clear by the above map. The British Government had previously refused to recognize a blockade of the Spanish coast by the Loyalist navy, but is now permitting Franco's rebel ships effectively to deny entrance to Loyalist harbors, since Franco declared he would sink such shipping even if his doing so should cause an "international incident."

The heavy black line on the map indicates the location of the battle front. It is shown as continuous, but is readily broken at points by mountains. A range of mountains parallels the coast about 50 miles from the Bay of Biscay and spurs run down

to the sea, breaking the front up into compartments, thus giving three northern fronts—the Basque front where Bilbao is menaced; the Santander front, where the Government troops are pressing toward Burgos, and the Oviedo or Asturias front where the Government forces are attacking Oviedo. Mount Gorbea, south of Bilbao, has been the scene of severe fighting, and was recently reported captured by the rebels, as was Ocandiano and Durango.

The boundaries of the Basque Provinces are indicated on the map. The Madrid Government has despatched aeroplanes to assist Bilbao's defenders; but British freighters, denied protection, are unable to enter the harbors with food supplies. Franco is now mining the harbors, as he has warned the Board of Trade in London.

Sought Investigation



Ivan Maisky, Russian Ambassador, who presented an official note from Moscow to a plenary session of the international committee for non-intervention in Spain asking that the number of Italians fighting with rebels in Spain be determined by investigation.

Girl Pickets at Oshawa Shelter from Chilling Breeze



The General Motors strike of 3,700 workers at Oshawa, for recognition of the union affiliated with the United States automobile union, has angered Premier Hepburn, who threatens police action, following a conference which broke up when the Premier refused to receive the C.I.O. organizer as one of the strikers' deputation. This

action is reported to have caused a rift in his cabinet, Minister of Labor Croll and Attorney General Roeck being, it is stated, opposed to drastic measures against the employees, and favoring union recognition. In Ontario, when this picture was taken, there was still plenty of chill in the air and strikers are not escaping

the bite of the cool breezes. The four girl pickets in this picture are taking advantage of a tent shelter and stove erected by strikers to absorb a little warmth before relieving some of their fellow-strikers on picket duty. Left to right: Agnes Gosleigh, Mary Gabourie, Isabel Grills and Doris Tinsley.